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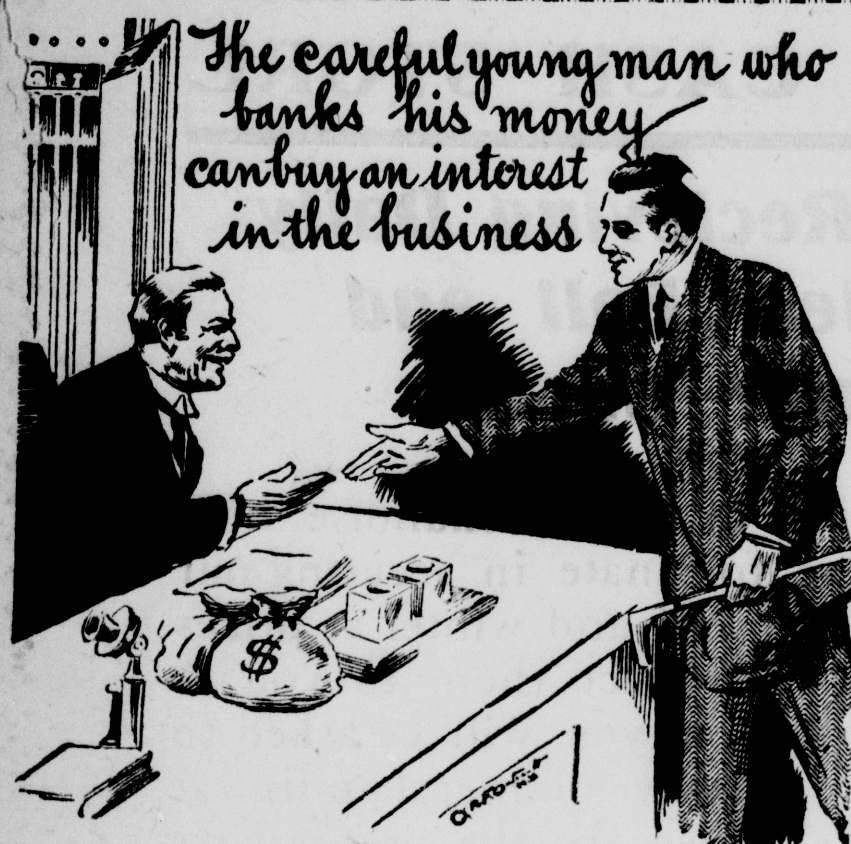
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OFFICERS CAPTURE M'SPADDEN TURNS CASES OF LIQUOR TRICK ON JAILOR

Four Dozen Quarts of Rare Wild John, Awaiting Trial of Liquid Taken from Car Driven by Strangers Case, Breaks Jail and Liberates Others

Forty-eight full quarts of "elixir of life" bottled in bond by the I. W. Harper distillery, and "Old Rip" a low middling grade of liquor, were taken from a car in Decatur about noon Wednesday by Traffic Officer George Gage and Deputy Sheriff Earl McCracken. The watchfulness of Gage to see that the laws governing the running of automobiles, and the acute smelling powers of McCracken are responsible for the capture of the bootleggers and the confiscation of the "water that cheers." The report of the capture spread over the square something like wildfire, and in an incredibly short time County Atty. Patterson's office was the gathering place of many people. Some came to see the young men who had dared the law, others came hoping to get a glimpse of the wares. A few went to the garage and minutely inspected the car in which the liquor was found; a bottle, containing a kingly portion of the fluid had been broken and the seats of the car had been drenched. The fumes were strong, and the cushions were given a most thorough examination by the most inquisitive.

The whiskey, forty-eight full qts., and bottled under government supervision, was given temporary quarters in Sheriff Malone's strong locker in the courthouse, but when the shades of night were enveloping the land, and pros and antis for miles around were drifting along the placid steams in dreamland, the cargo under the direction of an armed guard was removed to the county bastille, where victims of desperate and harrowing thirst can't break in and destroy.

The sad, sad story, mates. T. R. Hopkins, age about 33, and J. O. Brooks, in the neighborhood of 27, drove into the city Wednesday at noon. They were driving a splendid car, of the six or more cylinder variety. The fact that the car did not carry a number according to law attracted the attention of Traffic Officer George Gage of the sheriff's department. In company with Deputy Sheriff Earl McCracken, the traffic officer approached the car and made inquiry of the occupants about the number. About this time Deputy McCracken caught a whiff of something that vividly recalled the days and night he assisted in rounding up tipsy sailors and soldiers of Uncle Sam's army in Londontown. McCracken immediately communicated his suspicions to Officer Gage. Numbers, that is, car numbers, were forgotten, or overlooked, and a search of the car was instituted. And, mates, listen! Forty-eight quarts of whiskey, enough to start a carnival of fun, frolic and fight in Rome, were taken in tow. Three suit cases and two ordinary grips were packed. With assistance, which was readily offered, the liquor was removed to the sheriff's locker and the strangers were taken before County Attorney Patterson. A degree or two of sweating, conducted by Assistant County Attorney Lobdell, caused the young men to talk of their travels and plans. They had come from Wichita Falls, where they came into possession of the whiskey, and were headed for Fort Worth, where, it is reliably reported, the price of a drilling site is readily paid for a bottle of the fluid that makes poverty a pleasure and calico have the rustle of silk. One of the young men stated that while they were a few miles out of town they decided to sample some of their wares. A quart bottle of "Old Rip" was opened and several snorts were taken. In passing the bottle, after a number of drinks had been taken, a quantity of the liquor was spilled on the seat. No attention, of course, was paid to this little loss, and the odor arising from the cushion was not in the least noticeable, of course. So, when the

John McSpadden, in jail in Denton awaiting trial for highway robbery, is reported to have made his escape in a daring jail delivery staged Wednesday night. The report says that while the jailor was taking food to the prisoners, McSpadden, hiding in the cell nearest the door, sprang upon the turnkey and knocked him down. Taking the jailor's pistol, McSpadden drove the officer into a cell and locked it. McSpadden, then liberated four fellow prisoners and all of them left the jail under the direction and leadership of "Wild John." It was reported in Decatur yesterday afternoon that McSpadden and a companion had held up a farmer near the Denton-Wise county line and took a shotgun from the man. Denton county officers are reported searching the Denton creek bottoms for the escaped prisoners, and it is believed that McSpadden will make a desperate resistance if over taken by the officers. He has a prison sentence of two years hanging over him, and was to be brought to trial in Denton county on a robbery charge in a few days. McSpadden is a wild and reckless young fellow, and for the past several years has been traveling about the country posing as a wild and woolly cowboy, sleight-of-hand manipulator, and an all-round border man. He dressed in the garb of an early day bad man—big hat, spurs, high-heel boots, flaming red handkerchief and broad cartridge belt. The shirts he wore were either red or green, and the trousers were invariably of the corduroy variety. Citizens in this county who had known him since childhood accepted his wild claims and posings as humorous, and they were surprised when the news came some weeks ago that he had been arrested in Ft. Worth on a charge of robbery. He was considered a harmless sort of a grand-stand player, honest, though peculiar and spectacular in his conduct.

It is alleged that McSpadden committed robbery in Denton county before he was arrested in Fort Worth on a similar charge, and he was in jail awaiting trial when he made his escape.

ALVORD PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING

The parent-teachers' association of Alvord, held its first business meeting at the school house Friday, September 12, with 19 members present. This meeting proved to be a very enthusiastic one, and plans were made for the coming year and much interest was manifested by all present. The association is planning to install sanitary drinking fountains, purchase some laboratory equipment, purchase more books for the library and equip the school ground with considerable play apparatus. The secretary read her report and it was found that there was \$22.00 in the treasury and \$9.00 in dues was collected that day. A play will be given in the near future for raising funds in order to carry out plans for this year.

A social meeting will be held at Mrs. Byrd's Friday afternoon, Sept. 26.

car arrived within the sacred precincts of a dry town, inhabited by citizens who have not come in contact with the peculiar smell since Hector was a little puppy, why, mates, nothing short of what happened could have happened.

Messrs. Hopkins and Brooks are in jail for unlawfully bringing whiskey into a perfectly dry, arid territory.

The I. W. Harper and Old Rip are in, too.

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Progressive Capital of Wonderful Wise County--In Heart of Garden Spot of the Northwest Section of State--Oil Experts Playing Territory to Win--Boom Now On

Silliman Evans in Star-Telegram

Rome had her seven hills but Decatur has her seventeen. Marking the dividing line between two of the richest soils in Texas, Decatur is built on hills. They constitute a ridge. To the east is black land, as rich as the soil in the Valley of the Nile. To the west is sandy land, criss-crossed by timber growths, yielding yearly bounteous crops of the field and abundant gatherings of fruit and vegetables.

The series of hills upon which Decatur has been built, and which stretches further north and to the south, is the divide between the Clear Fork of the Trinity river and Denton creek, and is the crest of the natural drainage system for North Texas.

Wisely did the builders of Decatur put their first rudely constructed houses on hills. When Decatur was established it was a pioneer country, and the first settlers fought the last of the Indians as well as white outlaws. The pioneers used the hills, valleys and ravines to their advantage in defense against the depredations of nomadic tribes which inhabited North Texas, and who had earlier harassed the little fort on the banks of the Trinity which bore the name of General Worth, the Mexican war hero.

The process of time vindicated the choice of the hill country for the location of the town because it proved a healthy place of habitation.

Federal statistics have shown Decatur to be the healthiest town in the United States. The four ravines, dividing the town into a many sections, originally a natural defense are now a drainage system which carries water from this high town to nearby creeks as fast as it falls. Free of water pools, the mosquito menace is at a minimum, and typhoid and other summer fevers seldom afflict the residents of this town. It is because of the healthfulness of Decatur that the Decatur Baptist colleges, one of the strongest junior colleges in the southwest, and an important part of the Baptist educational system, attracts students from all portions of the southwest.

The Masonic Temple here, standing on the northwest corner of the square, is located on the highest spot in North Texas. Most of the houses on Decatur's hills are higher than any town in North Texas. The elevation here above sea level is more than 1,300 feet.

The Wise county courthouse, a substantial structure, constructed in the latter years of the last century, and then costing \$125,000, has a tower which is 100 feet high. Climb a winding stairway and its summit is reached. From it, on a clear day, the naked eye can see into seven counties, with the aid of a glass, eleven counties may be seen.

To the west is Jack county. Southwest are Palo Pinto and Parker counties. Bowie, in Montague county, is the dot on the surface of a rolling country. Gainesville and most of Cooke county may be seen, and the rich farms of Denton county and the east part of Wise county lay in the perspective.

South is Fort Worth, a cloud of smoke by day and a brilliant light by night. When the day is still the Rock Island trains at Bridgeport, and the Katy and Santa Fe trains in Denton county may be heard as one stands in the tower of the courthouse at Decatur, literally on top of North Texas.

One of Decatur's hills bears the home of the late Dan Waggoner, for here began the Waggoner fortune. The old home place is a magnificent building of ancient design. Castle-like in proportions, it has high walls and large rooms. A curiously formed cupola features it.

The Waggoner home when it was built, was the finest home in North Texas, and old settlers here recall that the founder of the Waggoner fortune was himself a builder, and the fineness of his home here and the buildings he constructed in the business district has found a modern expression in the skyscrapers which stand and are being built in Fort Worth carrying the name. The First National bank here, with resources as strong as the wealth of the Waggoners, was established by Dan Waggoner in 1885.

Across the town from the Waggoner home is the old home place of the Halsells, another ranch family.

At one time Decatur was the wealthiest town in North Texas.

The rough and broken country in the Decatur territory has long been the stomping ground for geologists, and every competent geologist who has studied the outcroppings on the hills of Wise county have declared them to indicate the presence of oil in abundant quantities. Some predict that beneath the soil of this county will be found the mother pool because of the combination of soils which are found here. Scums of oil have frequently been found on the little streams coursing every part of the country.

As early as 1898 Wise county and particularly the Decatur territory, was picked for oil development. Experts from the geological bureau of the United States Bureau of Mines came here and made a survey of all of North Texas. The geological party spent some time here and it traced the tendency of the oil pool from Oklahoma across the Red river.

The stratum bearing oil was geologically to come into Wise county at the northeastern boundary and extend under the ridge.

Belated though it has been, the oil boom is about to reach Decatur. Scouts of some of the biggest companies have been here and their reports have been excellent. Oil leases are selling for a profitable figure. Texas oil men, however, too busy with proven fields, are losing in the rush for oil leases in Wise county, and a Colorado syndicate and other Denver oil operators are buying up leases in every part of the Decatur country.

Today there is a group of Denver oil operators and geologists here, making surveys which will result in the location and drilling of a well.

The town itself is believed to be over a pool of oil. Some geologists reports have indicated this. A contract has virtually been closed for the drilling of a well within the town limits of Decatur, and the company which will drill the test will have a lease of 5,000 acres, much of it including town property.

A contract has been let for two wells in the northeastern part of the county. One of them will be on the J. W. Kellar survey and one of the John L. Dillingham survey. A Colorado syndicate will drill these tests.

Another contract has been let for a test on the Hunt county school lands about ten miles north of Decatur. Geologists have been exceptionally favorable to this location in their reports.

Mayfield & Doyle will drill on the Joseph Luce survey, due east of Decatur. The Keystone Petroleum Co. has contracted for a well on the Smith county land southwest of Decatur. The derrick is up on the Charles Erazier survey, only five miles southwest of Decatur.

The first fruits of the advance contingent of oil developers has been to add to the general prosperity which Decatur and all of Wise county is now enjoying. Decatur is on a boom healthy and active. The boom came in advance of all the oil development because Wise county crops this year are the greatest in history.

Farmers in the county are now selling the biggest crop they have ever marketed. The cotton crop, which will be a bumper one, is now coming on, and the farmers are worried about where they will get pickers to gather the crop, and the decline in the market value.

With cotton declining at New Orleans, the price of labor is advancing here. Money is plentiful and it is difficult to obtain labor. The influx of laborers is practically nil. Therefore the farmer, to gather his cotton crop, will be forced to pay high wages for labor and with cotton falling in value, he is faced with a big loss. Much interest is being attached to efforts of cotton growers to keep the price of cotton up.

Real estate values are increasing daily in the town of Decatur. There is not a house to rent here, although a number are being built, and Decatur hopes to be ready for further ingress into the city. The hotel lately burned down and Dick Collins, editor of the Wise County Messenger, wants some one to come here and build a hotel.

Prosperous agricultural conditions and the rodinary travel here are enough to guarantee the success of a modern and well-equipped hotel, he points out, while the imminence

of an oil boom should be added incentive toward the putting up of a hotel.

The potential resources of Decatur are in the richness of the soil and the yield of the farms. This year wheat fields to the east, southeast and northwest yielded more than eighteen bushels to the acre. Much of it is still unthreshed. Some of the wheat that is threshed is still unmarketed, but is being kept by farmers in their own grainaries. Elevators here are filled.

Oats made from seventy-five to a hundred bushels to the acre. Barley and maize crops were tremendous. Hay is a big crop in Wise county, and some farms yielded a ton to the acre for each of three cuttings. There is a considerable yield of alfalfa. Johnson grass is now growing in fields which are bristling with shocks of corn. Peanuts is still a favorite crop.

In Western Wise county there has been a splendid orchard and truck year. G. W. Tyson made \$500 in tomatoes grown on one acre.

Decatur claims the watermelon king of Texas. He is Dave Kerr, who owns a farm a little to the north of Decatur. Kerr grows watermelons on twenty acres of land, and is an expert in the cultivation of the juicy vegetable. Kerr believes it to be one of the most profitable crops a farmer may raise and, when properly cultivated, the production of melons on an acre of land is large.

The present year Kerr has already loaded ten car loads and for some of the car loads he gets as much as two hundred and fifty dollars. The biggest item of expense is in the loading of the car. Not all of his output of melons, however, has gone by car lots, as he has shipped a lot by express and sold much in Decatur off of wagons.

Watermelons, however, take it from Kerr, is not a lazy man's crop. The more the crop is cultivated, the greater the yield. He works his crop while the vine is yet young.

Decatur, and especially Mayor F. J. Ford, is expecting an oil boom, of course, and are proud of all the resources of the county but Mayor Ford is especially proud of the fine Hereford herd that lives like aristocrats on the ranch of J. H. Mecaskey. Mecaskey owns 3 ranches in the county, but the rulers of his herd are kept on his ranch which is but a mile east of Decatur.

Zelora Boy, gigantic in proportions, is the head of the Mecaskey herd. Zelora Boy is one of the finest Herefords in the United States, and he has been seen at many shows. The old boy doesn't seem to take himself or the world seriously, however, and further than that he has a dignity all his own. Zelora Boy won third prize at the last Fort Worth fat stock show against a field of thirty-eight head, which included entries from all parts of the Hereford growing belt.

The Mecaskey herd also has Lassiter Fairfax, a two-year-old, which was bought from C. M. Largent, Lassiter, being named from H. H. Lassiter. Lassiter Fairfax has won many prizes.

Jersey cows, with good udders, are in demand in Decatur. Mecaskey is raising Bonnie Lad to be a prize winner, and the lad is offering every indication of being able to vindicate his owner's wish. Bonnie Lad ZZ, although twelve months old and probably weighs 1,500 pounds, is still a suckling yearling, and Mecaskey is in the market for Jersey cows to feed the yearling with which he expects to win blue ribbons. The lad is of the Yost string of cattle and his half-brother recently sold for \$35,000.

Mecaskey also has Lady Bon II, who stood second at Fort Worth. The herd is 15 years old, and consists of about 250 blooded cattle.

The farms and ranches have brought prosperity to Wise county, which is reflected in the conditions in Decatur. Postmaster Cates is authority for the statement that every child in Decatur has got money and lots of it. The children are big buyers of war savings stamps. The bank deposits are more than \$1,000,000. Every train brings in more people. It usually takes the Denver passenger trains fifteen to twenty minutes to unload here because of the large amount of traffic terminating at Decatur, and the big shipments of mail and express.

An instance of the advance in real estate values is in a city block purchased a few years ago for \$2,000.

New Fall Goods

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With the high prices of all merchandise now prevailing we were fortunate in securing our supply of goods for fall and winter at prices which will enable us to price them to you at figures much below those you will be asked to pay for the same quality of merchandise at other stores. The styles are the prettiest we have ever shown and we feel you will be delighted with our comprehensive showings.

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GREER'S CASH STORE

On it were three small rent houses. One of those rent houses the other day sold for \$3,000, or a profit of \$1,000 over the cost of the entire block.

The coming in of families at the recent time is due, in part, to the fact that many of them want their children to attend the splendid public schools and the Decatur Baptist College.

The college has had a varied experience. It was originally established in 1892. The several Baptist Associations in Northwest Texas as saw the necessity for an extension of the Baptist educational system and it was decided to locate a college within the limits of the associations. Towns were permitted to bid for it, and Decatur won the location because her citizens offered the best bonus, \$15,000.

The college was established as the Northwest Texas Baptist College. Bad years came, however, and in 1896 it failed for debts and was closed for two years. In 1897, how-

ever, the General Baptist Convention bought the property and has been running it successfully ever since as the Decatur Baptist College. The college is ranked as one of the best junior schools in Texas. The plant is a splendid one, consisting of three buildings, the administration building and the boys' and girls' dormitories. It is on a beautiful hill and owns a site of sixty acres.

Decatur is interested in the fund of \$75,000,000 shortly to be asked by the Baptist churches because there is an allotment of \$100,000 of it to the Decatur Baptist College. When the allotment is paid, it is the plan to remodel all of the buildings, and if possible to purchase additional acreage so that an experimental farm may be operated by the students at the college.

J. L. Ward, A. M., is president of the college. President Ward was born and reared in Wise county and is a graduate of Baylor University. His career has been intertwined with the history of Decatur and the Decatur Baptist College.

President Ward, shortly after his graduation from Baylor, became pastor of the Decatur Baptist church, one of the strongest Baptist churches in Texas. He served four years as pastor, and in 1900 became president of the college, which position he resigned in 1907 to become general secretary of the educational board of the General Baptist Convention. He returned as pastor of the Decatur Baptist church in 1910, but was re-elected president of the school in 1914. Five years ago the college was \$33,000 in debt, and it paid out \$3,000 yearly for interest. It is now free of debt. A friend of the college who is not a Baptist, has proposed to give \$5,000 to the college if a \$50,000 endowment fund is raised.

The enrollment the present year will be the largest in the history of the college. The annual enrollment is in excess of 200, and this year's will near the 300 mark.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

NEW F. W. & D. TIME TABLE

North Bound

Leave	Arrive	Arrive
Fort Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
*3—9:40 am	11:17 am	2:00 pm
*5—6:00 pm	7:38 pm	10:30 pm
*7—10:25 pm	12:02 am	2:50 am

South Bound

Leave	Arrive	Arrive
W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
*8—2:50 am	5:40 am	7:15 am
*6—6:30 am	9:25 am	11:00 am
*4—2:30 pm	5:07 pm	6:45 pm

Nos. 7 and 8 run between Fort Worth and Denver; Nos. 3 and 4 run between Fort Worth and Amarillo; Nos. 5 and 6 run between Fort Worth and Wichita Falls.

Cody Milligan was in Dallas Tuesday.

Hovey Young was here Sunday from Bowie.

Mrs. H. H. Trussell is visiting in Hobart, Okla.

Jim B. Thomas of Alvord was in town Friday.

Have you heard Tittle at the Methodist church?

Earl Wallis of Burk Burnett, was here this week.

C. N. Workman is here this week from Willow Point.

John Dickson and family visited in Bolivar last Sunday.

Miss Jennie Hambright visited in Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. Jimmie Riddle has returned from a visit to Fort Worth.

Miss Rubyola Gilliland has returned from a visit to Navasota.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilhite of Dan, were in Fort Worth Tuesday.

Crank up your Ford and come to the Methodist meetin' in Decatur!

Miss Syble Glass of Marlin, is the guest of Miss DeAlva Greer.

Send this issue of the Messenger to someone outside the county.

Misses Reta and Frances Roberts were Fort Worth visitors Wednesday.

James Marshal Young of Polytechnic, is visiting the family of M. Gregg.

Nuel Reeves of Duncan, Okla., has been the guest of Roy Heathington this week.

Tom Rush, Penn Dickson and Jno. Terrell were in Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. H. H. Roberts of Wichita Falls, has been visiting the family of J. E. Boyd.

W. C. Ellis, and son, Robert, of Mountain Grove, Mo., are visiting Mrs. O. T. Bryant.

Charlie King of Greenwood was carried to Fort Worth this week for an operation for rupture.

Myers, J. W. Patterson, J. H. Cates, E. J. Ford and J. V. Patterson visited Greenwood Tuesday.

Mrs. Bert Bloodworth of Okla., has returned to her home after a visit to her parents here.

Home-made corn meal, fresh ground every day at Turner's blacksmith shop, East Main street.

Prof. Gordon Rogers and wife of Baylor Medical College, Dallas, are here on a visit to homefolks.

Mrs. S. E. Smith and Mrs. Tom Owens of Hedley, are visiting the family of Luther Reed.

Yes, Sam, the "Big Meeting" is going on at the Methodist church in Decatur. Get your girl and come!

you are here and Mrs. W. J. Mann of Paris, were the guests of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mann, Sunday.

Miss Clara Belew has gone to Tishomingo, Okla., to resume her position as principal of the high school there.

The big Baptist drive among the Southern Baptists is now under headway. A business man in Memphis, Tenn., gives \$200,000 and a Texas man gives \$1,000,000. Every one of the 3,000,000 Southern Baptists is expected to get in on this drive. Texas is to raise \$16,000,000—Wise county is to raise \$150,000—Decatur College is to receive \$100,000. All the people are beginning to talk about this big drive and before long all will be working at it.

WANTED

Plain sewing to do, such as children's every-day wear and underwear any kind of plain sewing. Call 4 on 32., Ind. Phone.

There is a bumper corn crop in Wise county and as a consequence, we are able to supply our customers with good, home-made meal, fresh every day. Turner's Blacksmith Shop on East Main street.

Lieutenant Theodore Harris of Tallafiero Field, has been visiting in the city. Mrs. Harris has been here several days with relatives.

Marriage licenses: Riley Scott and Miss Lillian McEntire, Alvord, Frank Alexander, Decatur, and Mrs. Hallie Allen of Greenwood.

East Main street, leading from the square to the depot, is being gravelled. Many other streets in town are in need of repairs.

Miss Rena Morris of Bellvue, arrived in Decatur last week to take up her work as instructor in English in the high school.

Travis Jones and John Bridges left Monday for Breckenridge, where they are to assist in building construction in that booming town.

Carl Rhine, who was seriously injured by being struck by a car Saturday week ago, was brought home last Saturday night. He is improving nicely.

Allen Rowan has returned from almost two years' service with the army in France. He was here from Rhome this week visiting friends. Rowan was with the ambulance department and did splendid service in transporting the wounded from the front lines during the fighting last fall. He had many close calls, but escaped without a scratch.

Dave Kerr has resigned his office of mayor of Cowan and has moved to Decatur. Dave, however, retains his title as melon king of Wonderful Wise, and will spend some of his time on his farm.

Chas. Watkins and wife of Quannah, were Decatur visitors this week. Mr. Watkins was formerly in business here, but for the past several years has been one of the leading merchants in the thriving town of Quannah. He and his splendid wife have a host of friends in Decatur, who are always glad to have them visit here.

Jim Baits, field agent for Metzger Bros. at Dallas, announces that that firm has offered \$15.00 in premiums on Jersey cattle at the coming Wise county fair, September 23-26. The prizes will be distributed as follows: \$7.50 for best registered Jersey cow, any age; \$5.00 for best registered Jersey bull, any age; \$2.50 for best grade Jersey heifer under two years.

The cane to be presented by the people of Wise county to President Wilson has been completed and will be brought to Decatur from Dallas next week by Lieut. Harris in an airplane. The cane is made of bois d'arc timber which was cut from the George Arrington farm in the Deep Creek community, and grew in a hedge planted by Mr. Carrol Arrington in the early days. A case for the cane is to be made from a piece of timber of the Sam Waady home at Deep Creek, the first house built in Wise county. The cane will be placed on exhibition here before it is sent to President Wilson.

Telephone message from Chico there is to be a celebration at the spudding in of the Comanche-Burk well Monday morning. The well is to be put down about one and one-half miles of the town of Chico, and the day has been declared a holiday for the Chico citizens. Several car lots of machinery and building material were unloaded for the Chico territory this week. The town and community feel the wave of prosperity that is sweeping the county. With an oil well in that vicinity, Chico would be an ummer.

A football game of unusual interest is the contest to be staged during the county fair next week on Wednesday afternoon when Henrietta high comes for a game with the Decatur ex-scouts. Both teams are strong and a close game is expected. The Decatur team lineup is: Terrell, center; Renshaw, Schulkey, guards; Melton, Dickinson, tackles; Rush, Halcomb, ends; Johnston, Petty, halves; Blankenship, quarter; Hughes, full. This team played together last season, winning five out of eight games. The ex-scouts believe in themselves to the extent that they challenge any team in the state at 140 pounds.

FAIR NOTICE

Let every farmer and his wife, his son and daughter, particularly members of community organizations, community egg circles and poultry clubs, boys' and girls' clubs, bring selected exhibits of their best products.

The fair is yours, the county is yours, the advertisements will be yours, the honor and the gains will be yours.

V. E. Baldrige and family were here Wednesday from Chico.

Miss Annie Splawn entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner on Monday evening in honor of Maurice Spaulding of Hillsboro. Miss DeAlva Greer and Harry Gose were also guests. A very enjoyable affair is reported.

Mrs. Hallie Allen of Greenwood, and Mr. Frank Alexander of this city were married last Monday night at the residence of Rev. G. W. Tyson, Rev. Tyson performing the ceremony. The newly-weds have taken rooms at the Hutcherson home in Southeast Decatur. The bride is a very charming young lady who has many splendid accomplishments, and she is popular among a large number of friends. Mr. Alexander is well and favorably known here as an honorable and industrious young man. He is employed with the Milligan Gin Company. The Messenger joins the many close friends of these young people in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Miss Eloise Linton of Fort Worth, is the guest of Miss Lizzie Paschall. Miss Linton is an accomplished artist of voice and piano. She delighted the audience at the Methodist church last night with a splendid solo.

COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

For the first time in the history of the literary societies, in the college all "campaigning" for new students on the part of the four societies has been forbidden by the faculty. On account of the large majority of old students belonging to the Philo-Athenaeum societies, the faculty has assumed charge of the growing crisis and all new members are being apportioned equally among the societies. This will cause an equal membership in each society, and will insure satisfaction among all concerned. As soon as the societies are placed once more on an equal basis, campaigns for new students will begin.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—4 unfurnished rooms, at the Dr. Swan place, one mile north west of the courthouse.—MRE. O. T. BRYANT. (99)

WANTED

STOCK SALESMEN wanted for million Dollar Oil & Refining Company, organized by some of the leading men in Texas. Especially attractive proposition to salesmen who want to work up to a permanent position. Write for details.—CORISCANA OIL & REFINING COMPANY, Corsicana, Texas. (Oct19)

LOST

LOST or stolen, between Denton and Decatur, Goodyear cord tire, 4 1/2 x 34. Liberal reward for return to Mrs. J. A. Staley, 103 Oakland Avenue, Denton, Texas. (99)

LOST—Gold ring with garnet set. Reward of \$2.50 for return to ETHEL SMITH at postoffice.

LOST, strayed or stolen—two mules, 3 and 10 years old; one coal black, one brown; 15 and 16 hands high; last seen three miles east of town on Cates place Saturday night. Reward.—Notify JOHN EVANS. (99)

LOST—Solid gold cuff button between Messenger office and Decatur Baptist college on Thursday, yesterday. Reward for return to BILL JONES at this office.

FOR SALE

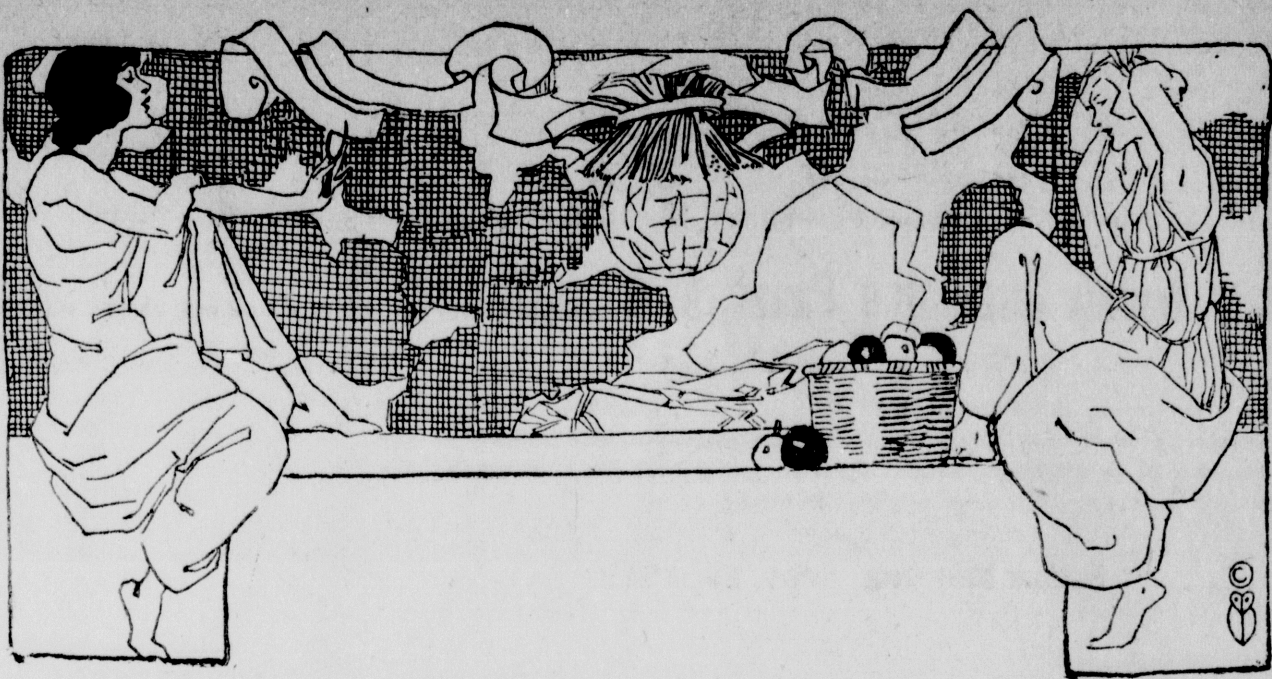
PIGS—Seven 6-weeks-old pigs for sale. \$50.00 gets the seven if taken at once.—DOLPH CONLEY.

FOR SALE—260 acres, 4 1/2 miles of Decatur, on Catlett creek; a model home, three sets buildings, two windmills, soft water, waterworks; 150 acres on farm; 100 acres subirrigated bottom; don't overflow; made 40 bushels corn last year without rain; 80 bushels this year; pecan trees that pay \$50 a tree; apples that bare 25 bushels to tree; 50 acres valley in one square field, level, no washes; 95 per cent of tract tilable; on public road. Will divide and make three homes; will sell all or part, or will give long time on part and low interest.—W. M. STEVENSON, Rte 8, Decatur, Texas. Phone 165-3. (99)

OVERLAND—5-passenger car; good condition; just overhauled; new battery; bargain. See BURCH GREGG, at Reeves' Barber Shop. 93

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Repair and Re-build Radiators;
Make Old Ones as Good as New
All Work Guaranteed
Prices are Right
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Welcome!

TO ALL VISITORS TO THE WISE COUNTY FAIR—SEPT. 23-26. Inclusive!

The Farmer Merchant wants Wise County to have A FAIR EXHIBIT that will be a credit to her citizenship, and truly reflect the wonderful development and progress of the county.

And he wants a chance to show you some real Groceries and Feed at a cheap price; for here you get the best for less. You are always WELCOME at this store.

Fred Freeman "The Farmer Merchant"



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Camel CIGARETTES

"Pennis of Thunder Mountain" at the Majestic Saturday. See it!

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any firm, person or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.—Collins & Smith, Publishers.

Friday Morning, Sept. 19, 1919.

Too many bell-weather's frustrate the herd!

More than a million of iron men in Decatur banks!

Now for a sewerage system for the Delightful Town. Steppin' brother, steppin'.

Mr. Pat Neff announces again he is going to be a candidate for governor of Texas.

When Wilson gets through making calls in California, Hiram Johnson will hear from "the folks back home."

The members of the Ferguson new party deny the charge of following in the wake of a political corpse.

Talk and fond dreams have never constructed a hotel in any community. It requires money; pure de coin!

If the pubs get cute and nominate Leonard Wood, we'll pit Jack Pershing against him. Jack says the L. of N. is all right, all right.

Don't complain at the service given by the teacher if you are one of those fellows who think \$50 per month "is enough for any teacher."

During the next month a number of wells will be spudded in the Wonderful County. Those drilling are looking promising. Get ready; the big boom is comin'.

A real young boom has been started in Dallas for Mr. Riddle, banker, for governor. The gentleman, so reports say, is well equipped to make the campaign.

The old timer says property is too high. The wide-awake stranger says it is cheap enough. They are coming, and the old timer is going to have a lot to worry about.

In looking for a violation of the automobile laws, Traffic Officer Geo. Gage ran into two well-stocked bootleggers. We say, keep Officer Geo. on the job.

It appears at this distance that the Bailey and Ferguson factions can't meet on common ground. The Bailey followers will not follow the lead of Ferguson and the Ferguson boys will not follow any other leader.

Congressman Blanton of the Abilene district, is determined to attract notice. He is continually popping off in the lower house, to the disgust of all. Blanton seems to be too little for the place he holds.

With Lanham doing good work in Washington, we are of the opinion that Brother Billy Sunday will have to stake out his day when he is to meet "Congressman" Bill Davis of Fort Worth in the capital city.

Yes, the Meridian Highway, for which the citizens voted a bale of bonds, will be constructed some day. At the present rate of progress the suckling babies in Wise will be turning the century mark, before the road has been completed, but it is hoped a boost will be given the work and the road will be in use sometime during the infant days of the present century.

Silliman Evans' write-up of Decatur, which appeared a few days ago in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, is reproduced in today's Messenger. It is a splendid article, and one which should receive wide circulation. Get copies of the Messenger containing the write-up and mail them to your friends in other sections of the country. Wise is the best county in the state, and if we will let out the facts a new order will come about. Assist the Messenger in putting the old town and county on the map!

If Mr. Hammer can't see his way out in building the Meridian Highway, we would suggest that he get off the works and let real builders

takes up the contract. Before the change is made, the commissioners' court will see that the bondsmen of the present contractor come across. The commissioners' court made a fair and square trade with Mr. Hammar, a contract was made, the road was to have been completed in a given time. Mr. Hammar has fallen down with his part of the contract; the road has barely been started. Another contract has been made between the court and Mr. Hammar. There is not a shirt-tail full of laborers on the works. He can't fill his second contract at the rate the work is being done.

"Keep the record straight!" The report is kept afloat in the political waters that Jim Ferguson "jumped the democratic fence" at Ft. Worth, on August 14 last. That's a mistake! He jumped the democratic party and supported the republicans in last year's election. Now he has jumped the republicans and formed the new American party. The democrats haven't lost any Ferguson—the republicans have lost him.—Dallas Democrat.

It is reported that arrangements are being made to begin drilling two wells in the Valley View community. The contracts have been passed and signed, and actual work on the big test well is ready to begin.

A gulf storm which swept the Texas coast Sunday night and Monday destroyed millions of dollars worth of property and killed over six hundred people. The little city of Corpus Christi was the heaviest suffer, but Aransas Pass and other towns suffered terribly. Appeals for aid have been sent out to the people of Texas. Thousands of citizens are homeless and in sore need of food.

BIG ISSUE FOR NOV. 4.

At the election on November 4, the people of Texas will have an opportunity to determine at the ballot box whether they desire to have a new constitution for their state. I, of course, am committed to the affirmative of this proposition. The present organic law is not adequate to the needs of the people of Texas at this time. In 1875, when the present constitution was drafted, it was a sufficient instrument, and answered all the needs of that period. There was then little in existence of the materialism of the Texas of 1919. Population has increased more than 500 fold. Financial interests and transactions are in a larger ratio still. Natural resources are being developed to phenomenal limits. Transportation interests have spread out like a spider web into sections that were a wilderness forty-five years ago.

This old and comparatively archaic instrument has been patched by amendment until it is almost unrecognizable as its original self. It is full of defects and modern imperfections. The judiciary of the state is cumbersome, complex, slow and expensive. The educational system is lopsided and unfair. The taxation system is unjust, ancient and unscientific. The land and home-owning policy of the state needs revising. The legislative provisions are a burden to the people and a dead weight on the law-makers. The good roads, water conservation, land reclamation and kindred interests are handicapped against the public welfare.

The people should vote for a constitutional convention. An instrument drafted with care and deliberation by delegates chosen by the people will surely not be a menace to any legitimate interest of Texas. Vote for a constitutional convention on November 4.—J. C. McNealus.

WHOM TO VOTE FOR.

We don't say what particular man you should vote for, but if you are a brave, conscientious, intelligent citizen, you will vote for the man who will enforce the law.

Vote for the man who will protect the rights of the citizen against the tyranny of officialism.

Vote for the man who will prevent speeding in the streets.

Vote for the man who will stop the clatter of the open muffler.

Vote for the man who will put the sidewalks in decent repair.

Vote for the man who will stay in his office and attend to his duties.

Vote for the man who is not clamoring for more office room.

Vote for the man who will not hire a single employe more than he needs.

Vote for the man who prefers economy to extravagance.

Vote for the man who spends only an hour at his lunch.

Vote for the man who is not always orating about the country.

Vote for the man who thinks less of the glory of his country than of the integrity of its citizenship.

Vote for the man who has no axe to grind or self-interest to serve.

Vote for the man who looks up from the earth to the stars occasionally.

Vote for the man who loves his wife and home and sees good in other people.

Vote for the man who can make his own living, if he doesn't get an office.

Vote for the man who is not forever cringing to a boss.

In fine, vote for the man who will regard his office as an opportunity to serve the public, it makes no difference what his name is, or to what church, party or club he may belong. Vote for a real man and not for a mere thing.

WISE COUNTY FAIR NOTES

Season tickets, which admit to the grounds at any time during the fair, are now on sale at the San la Roy at \$2.50.

Everything is now being placed in condition at the grounds and by the opening day all arrangements will be completed for the entertainment of the large crowds which are expected and to take care of all the exhibits of farm products and live stock.

Catalogues and premium lists have this week been distributed to all sections of the county, but if you have failed to get one, call at the Messenger office.

No entrance fee will be charged on anything exhibited in any of the departments. The management will have someone to care for poultry and live stock free of charge when feed is furnished by exhibitor.

The automobile parade planned for the first day of the fair is creating much interest, and many participants are expected. A prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best decorated car; and a second prize of \$2.50 will be awarded. Any person in Wise county can enter the parade, and it is hoped that a large number of people will decorate their cars and enter the parade.

Manager Gus Pickett of the free wild west exhibition at the fair on the first day, requests that all pitching or "mean" horses, mules or bulls—the meaner the better—be brought to the fair park early the first day, Tuesday. A prize of \$2.50 will be given for the meanest animal. All riders who wish to take part in the exhibition are urged to come prepared to ride. Nobody barred. Premiums will be given for the best riders and ropers.

On Victory Day—Wednesday, Sept. 24—the Wise county soldiers will have a dress parade, and all the soldiers and sailors are urged to attend in their uniforms. All soldiers and their wives or sweethearts will be admitted free. A big free barbecue for everybody present will be given on this day, and it is important that Wise county turn out in full to do honor to our heroes. Any community or individual wishing to contribute a yearling, sheep or hog for the big barbecue, should communicate with M. W. Burch, Decatur, and get the animal here by Monday. It is the desire of the management to make this the greatest day of any previous occasion in this section.

County Agent Kemp is expecting a large and comprehensive display of farm products from all parts of the county, and he urges the farmers to take part in making this progressive display of products so good that it will be a great incentive to the development of the county.

Lieutenant Theodore Harris of Taliferro Field at Hicks, has been designated by the government, to make exhibition flights at the fair. Con. Parrish writes this information as a reply to the request to gain permission for such an exhibition during the fair sent by M. W. Burch of this city. Lieutenant Harris has also been designated to go to Dallas and bring to Decatur the cane which has

LOOK Pay Day==Pay Day

OCTOBER 1ST IS PAY DAY. PLEASE OBSERVE THE DAY. TO THOSE WHO OWE US, PLEASE PAY YOUR NOTES AND ACCOUNTS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST, 1919. WE HAVE SOME HEAVY OBLIGATIONS TO MEET ON THAT DATE—WILL NEED AND MUST HAVE OUR MONEY. NO GOODS SOLD FOR LONGER PERIOD THAN THIRTY DAYS. CREDIT WILL NOT BE EXTENDED TO THOSE WHO DO NOT MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS PROMPTLY MONTHLY. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT FOR US TO SEND OUT A COLLECTOR TO COLLECT YOUR BILL, BUT

Please Call at the Store and Pay!

PLEASE HELP US TO ELIMINATE THIS EXPENSE. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS AND WILL SAVE YOU GOOD MONEY ON YOUR SUPPLIES, AND WILL MAKE YOU GOOD MONEY ON EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO SELL. WE WANT YOUR COTTON, CREAM, BUTTER EGGS, PECANS, ETC. WE THANK THE GOOD PEOPLE OF DECATUR AND WISE COUNTY KINDLY IN ADVANCE FOR LEQUIDATING YOUR INDEBTEDNESS AND FOR THEIR FURTHER PURCHASES AND CO-OPERATION. YOURS TO COMMAND.

W. L. DALLAS

been made for President Wilson and donated as a token of love and esteem by Wise county people. Chas. Nash of this city, who has had a part in making the cane, will go to Dallas and fly back to Decatur with Lieut. Harris. The cane will be presented to the local committee at the fair park. While here Lieut. Harris will give exhibition flights for the fair visitors. He was here during the reunion and delighted the crowds with his flying, and also took up several passengers for rides in the air. This daring aviator is one of the best at Hicks field, and is as much at home in the air, as we are on terra firma. He belongs to Decatur anyway, for he married a Decatur girl, Miss Bob Williams, and visits here frequently. Mrs. Harris is quite familiar with the sky, as she frequently takes rides up with her husband.

There will be an abundance of pure drinking water in the park, and plenty of space reserved for spreading lunches. Come, bring all the family and dinner and spend the entire day of your visit in the park.

A big checker tournament will be staged during the fair, and some of the most prominent devotees to this game will be here from over North Texas. For several years Wise county has had a number of devotees to this ancient and honorable game of checkers. So proficient had those players become that their reputation had reached the ears of the adjoining cities, and a rivalry was engendered between players of these cities and those of Wise county. Accordingly, when the Wise county fair was organized, the committee on the entertainment, at the suggestion of the Messenger, added a checker tournament. The results were so pleasing that it became a permanent attraction at our fair. Players of expert proficiency from North Texas and Oklahoma have been in each of these tournaments, until today we are second in point of membership in all the southwest. Owing to the fact that the name of Wise county Fair Checker Association gives it a local meaning, it is the purpose at this meeting to name it the North Texas Association. All checker players in Wise county and North Texas or Oklahoma are requested to come and take part in the tourney. The dates are September 24 and 25. Any information concerning the tourney may be had from Dr. S. J. Petty at Decatur.

Program:

The first day, Tuesday, September 23, has been set aside for the old settlers and ex-Confederates. A program has been arranged. On this day all old soldiers and settlers over 60 years will be admitted free. Judge

The "Soul" of Music

Without "soul" music would be void of all its beauty and life.

"Soul" is found only in original music—music that flows direct from the lips of the singer or springs direct from the strings of the master's violin. Music, as RE-CREATED by

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is original music—over two thousand representative music critics say so. They say in the columns of their own papers that the voice of the singer and its RE-CREATION are one and that the New Edison does literally RE-CREATE vocal and instrumental music without the slightest deviation from the original.

The New Edison makes it possible for you to have in your home the voices of great singers and the performances of great instrumentalists as real as life itself.

Decatur Drug Co.

ing dairy cattle and non-registered horses in show ring. Automobile parade, with prize for best decorated car. Auto racing.

The second day, Wednesday, is Victory day, in honor of all veterans of the great war. Free barbecue to all attending. Special program. All hogs to be judged at pens.

Third day, September 25, Editors' day, agricultural day, live stock day. All editors of Wise and adjoining counties are urged to attend. Special program of speeches by agricultural and live stock experts. Parade of all classes of livestock. Auto races and other special attractions.

Fourth day, educational day, athletic day, children's day. All students and school children of the county are urged to attend on this day. Special educational program. Athletic events between rival schools in

different games. This should be one of the very best days of the fair, and a large attendance is expected. Many of the schools will declare a holiday and attend in a body.

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All kinds of Hauling Done

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DECATUR PLANT WILL SUPPLY CHICO WITH ELECTRICITY

Work on the electric line from Decatur to Chico will start in a few days. Manager Dodson of the Decatur plant has all the material on the ground. This line will run direct from the plant here and supply the citizens of the thriving little city of Chico with a service they have never enjoyed.

SELECT SUBURBAN SECTION TO BE OPENED ON SUNSET HILL

Messrs. Floyd, Rector and Jones, through the firm of Jones & Rector, have purchased the acreage of Guinn Williams in the extreme western part of the city, known as Sunset Hill, and it is contemplated by the purchasers to open the section as a residential section. This is the most beautiful building site in the city, and when the lots are put on sale they will be readily purchased. A survey and the blocking of lots will be made in a short time and the substantial improvements will be rushed.

OIL OPERATOR BUYS OTHER PROPERTY IN DECATUR

"It's coming, and the citizens of the old town had better come alive and get in on the wave," stated Mr. R. B. Floyd, of the Burk-Wagoner Oil & Development Co., with offices in the Spencer building on the west side of the square. "Decatur is on the verge of a boom the like of which your oldest native has not experienced," and the hustling gentleman wrote a check for something over three thousand "iron men" for a piece of property which the wise ones have said was too high at two thousand. Two days later Mr. Floyd was entertaining an offer of forty-two hundred dollars for the property. Floyd recently bought the C. E. Martin home in North Decatur, where he lives.

DO YOU WANT TO SELL?

I am having calls every day for farms and city property that I can't fill, for the simple reason that I have more buyers than sellers. If you want to sell, list your holdings with me and I am pretty certain to sell for you. Don't list unless you mean business. I have money to loan at 6 per cent interest on good farms. This will enable you to own a home and have from five to thirty years to pay it out. S. A. LILLARD, JR.

DELIVERY WAGONS BACK ON THE JOB—SYSTEM UNPOPULAR

After ten-days trial of the non-delivery system, the merchants who entered the agreement to stop delivering groceries, went back to the delivery system Monday. One of the merchants stated his trade objected to the "carry" plan and insisted upon re-establishing the delivery.

CASH SYSTEM GAINING FAVOR WITH DECATUR MERCHANTS

For some time a number of Decatur merchants have been on a "cash basis," and it is reported that others will take up the plan. It is satisfactory state those who have tried it. Starting the first of October the Decatur Drug Co. will adopt the cash plan.

INVADER OIL COMPANY SCOUTS VISIT FIELDS IN THIS COUNTY

Representatives of the Invaders' Oil Co., one of the largest organizations doing business in Texas, have been in this locality this week, looking over the field with a view of beginning operations. A Messenger reporter accompanied the gentlemen on the tour of inspection Tuesday afternoon. The Pella, Audubon and Greenwood countries were visited. "It looks good," stated the gentlemen, "just like the fields where we have good production." One of the party was from California, and is a heavy stockholder in the Invaders' Co. They are to return with other members of the company and a visit to the Bridgeport and Chico fields will be made. Mr. Simpson, county civil engineer, piloted the party on the inspection trip Tuesday.

DALLAS FIRM OFFERS GOOD PRIZES FOR FAIR STOCK

Jim Baits, field agent for Metzger Bros., of Dallas, announces that his firm has offered \$15.00 in premiums on Jersey cattle at the coming Wise county fair, September 23-26. The prizes will be distributed as follows: \$7.50 for best registered Jersey cow, any age; \$5.00 for best registered Jersey bull, any age; \$2.50 for best grade Jersey heifer under two years of age.

J. A. Moore was in Dallas yesterday.

DECATUR DRUG COMPANY

WILL ADOPT AN

ABSOLUTELY CASH BASIS

ON OCT. 1, 1919

Owing to the new order of business conditions prevailing, we find it necessary to dispense with our credit System.

We feel that this will be a progressive step and will benefit not only this store, but every customer and the community in general, because the cash customer is always the most satisfied customer.

The cash plan has become a necessity in the business world today because of its economical value, and it is being adopted by a majority of the reliable merchants in both large and small cities with absolute success.

We thank one and all who have patronized us in the past, and we ask your co-operation in the cash plan, which we hope to prove most beneficial to you.

Until Oct. 1 our books will be open as formerly, but on that date we will do away with our bookkeeping department entirely.

DECATUR DRUG COMPANY

NOTE REQUIRED PAYMENT IN BEESWAX OR GINSANG

The following old note was executed in the year 1825, and is now in possession of Judge John G. Gose:

On or before the fifteenth day of October next, I will pay to William Gose, one dollar, which may be discharged in beeswax or ginsang at the market price of it; value received of him.

Witness my hand and seal, August the 4th day, 1825.

DAVID (X) HALL.

Attest, John Brown. The Gose Bros., have another interesting document which recalls the early day period of this county. It is a tax receipt, and reads as follows:

Tax for 1824.—Mr. William Gose. 1 white tytheables, county levy and poor rate, \$1.45; 3 horses, 36c; total, \$1.81. Alex B. Harley, Dist.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the teachers of Wise county, desire, in this manner, to express our appreciation to the people of Decatur for courtesy shown us during the institute, which was held in Decatur recently. Especially do we desire to thank the people who kindly permitted the teachers to stay in their homes, to those who furnished the entertainments each morning at our opening exercise and Messrs. Man & Christian for the use of their Columbia.

B. C. SCHULKEY,
BESSIE ZORNES,
THELMA TRUSSELL,
F. P. MAGERS,
OPAL TENNY,
L. Q. SPARK,
Resolution Committee.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB MEMBER

Bring your record books and present them at the fair ground ticket office for free admittance on Friday.

Be sure to make your exhibit entries on time. See catalogue and premium list.

All live stock may be entered up to September 23.

Everybody go to the fair. Boost it. Make it a credit to the county. Remember, the fair is yours.—E. T. KEMP, County Agent. Office Up-Stairs in Messenger Bldg.

A CHILD MUST GROW

A child cannot choose its period of growth. Nature attends to this with laws well-nigh inalterable. A child of retarded growth or feeble vitality needs and should have help to promote healthful growth.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

abundant in nourishing substances that promote growth and strength, is invaluable in its help to a growing child. Scott's helps a child over the weak places.

Scott's helps a backward child develop naturally.

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

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THIS SHOP STRIVES ABOVE ALL TO GIVE SATISFACTORY SERVICE TO ITS PATRONS. WE TRY TO STUDY AND MEET THE INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS OF EACH PERSON. IF YOU HAVE NOT TRIED OUR SHOP, WE INVITE YOU TO COME IN.

Dick Reeves
Messenger Building

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Will Greet You At The

W. C. Owen

CONSORIAL PARLORS

North Trinity Street.

Why Suffer?

Mrs. J. A. Cox, of Alderson, W. Va., writes: "My daughter... suffered terribly. She could not turn in bed... the doctors gave her up, and we brought her home to die. She had suffered so much at... time. Having heard of Cardui, we got it for her."

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"In a few days, she began to improve," Mrs. Cox continues, "and had no trouble at... Cardui cured her, and we sing its praises everywhere. We receive many thousands of similar letters every year, telling the good Cardui has done for women who suffer from complaints so common to their sex. It should be your good, too. Try Cardui."

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GREER'S Cash TONER

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MILLIONS ACCLAIM WILSON AS
HE SPEEDS ACROSS
THE LAND.

FEW ASK FOR CHANGES

Majority Feel That President's Guld-
ance Should Be Held—He Regards
Pact As Sure to Come Soon.

By Mt. Clemens News Bureau)
Board President Wilson's Special
Train—From the Capital at Washing-
ton to the far Pacific coast the Presi-
dent of the United States has jour-
neyed on the most unusual expedition
ever undertaken by a chief executive
of the nation.

To discuss national questions, many
presidents have toured the land; but
Mr. Wilson is laying before America
a question which affects the whole
world—the question of whether or not
we are to join in the League of Na-
tions; whether we are to forget our
former isolation and share with the
other peoples of the earth the respon-
sibilities of maintaining civilization
and preventing, as he says we can do,
future warfare.

Between the capital and the coast
the president made fifteen speeches
and half a dozen brief talks. All of
100,000 fellow citizens listened to him.
Several millions had the chance to see
him, and apparently everyone wanted
to see him, from those who thronged
the streets of the cities and towns
where he stopped, to those who came
to the railside or stood at little flag
stations in remote places, knowing
their only reward could be a fleeting
glimpse and a wave of the hand.

He has met and talked to all types
of citizens—to men big in the busi-
ness, financial and professional worlds,
to farmers and mechanical workers,
to Indians and cowboys and foreign-
born herders and rangers, to soldiers
and to mothers who lost soldier-sons
in the late war.

What do they all tell him? unan-
imously they say they want peace
definitely settled, they want no more
wars, they want the League of Na-
tions, and most of the American peo-
ple, it may be fairly said, tell the
President they want the League just
as it is, without the reservations or
amendments which certain senators
have insisted upon. The majority of
citizens say to those who interview
them on this tour:

"Woodrow Wilson guided us rightly
before and during the war with Ger-
many. We entered that war, every-
one agrees, to end all wars. He says
the league can do that. We want to
do that, so let us keep on trusting him
and get the league into operation as
soon as possible. Forget politics."

Most Americans encountered on the
tour have forgotten politics. Repub-
lican Governors and Mayors have in-
troduced the President to his audi-
ence; the Major part of the local com-
mittees which have met him have
been Republicans. They have all said:
"We are nothing but Americans, Mr.
President."

Mr. Wilson's arguments for the
league, briefly summarized, are these:

There can be no peace, either now
or in the future, without it. There
can only be a regrouping of nations
and a new "Balance of Power," which
is certain to lead to war. There can
be no war in the future, with the
league in existence, because no single
nation would defy the united rest of
mankind, and if it did, it could be
brought to terms by an economic
boycott, and without the use of arms.

There can be no reduction in the
cost of living until the league is es-
tablished, for nations will not go
ahead with peace time production un-
til they know that peace is definitely
assured and that production of war
material is no longer necessary.

There can be wonderful prosperity,
with the league in existence, for re-
lations of labor and capital all over
the world will be made closer and
more friendly, and the worker will re-
ceive a fairer share of what he pro-
duces.

These declaration of the president,
logically and eloquently put, have left
his hearers thinking and thinking
deeply. And then Mr. Wilson has
pointed out, the people themselves, as
differentiated from senators and politi-
cians, seem to want just what the
president wants, which is America for
leadership.

Quite as unusual as the purpose of
the cross country tour is the manner
in which it is being carried out and
the completeness of the arrange-
ments on the nine car train which is
bearing the party.

At the rear is the private car May-
flower, occupied by the President and
Mrs. Wilson. Next is a compartment
car for the secretary Tumulty, Ad-
miral Grayson, Mr. Wilson's Physi-
cian, four stenographers, the chief
executive clerk and seven secret ser-
vice men. Beyond are three compart-
ment cars which house twenty-one
correspondents, five movie men, and
a telegraphic and a railroad expert.
Then there is a dinner, a club car, an
two baggage cars, one of them con-
verted into a business office. The
train was exactly on time at every
stop between Washington and the
Coast.

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SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

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at the morning service. The pastor
preached on "The Christ for the
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Mrs. Matthews sang "Abide with me"
and there were four additions to the
church. There was no service at
night on account of the

meetings in town. The pastor went
to Bridgeport for an ordination ser-
vice. The Sunday school at 9:45 a.
m. next Sunday and every teacher
and pupil is urged to come on time.
The pastor will preach at the morn-
ing hour and special music will be
arranged. There are several per-
sons who contemplate uniting with
our church and you are urged to
come at the morning service and cast

your lot with us at that time, as we
will not meet for the night service
on account of the protracted meeting
at the M. E. church. You are invited
to all our services. — HARLAN J.
MATTHEWS, Pastor.

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The state of Texas, county of Wise, To T. L. Marsalis and M. Shaw and unknown heirs: All persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the land or lots hereinafter described, the same being delinquent taxes on the city of Decatur, Texas, for the year 1919, and the same lying and being in the county of Wise, and in the state of Texas, to-wit:

Plots Nos. 21 and 22 in block No. 1 of the C. D. Cates addition to the city of Decatur, Texas, which said property is delinquent to the city of Decatur, Texas for taxes for the years 1917 to 1919, aggregating a sum of \$29.83, including interest and costs, said taxes having been legally levied, assessed and rendered against said land and lots, and same being a lawful charge and constituting a prior lien against the said land and lots sold in favor of the city of Decatur, Texas, to secure the payment thereof; and you are hereby commanded to appear before the honorable district court of Wise county, at the next regular term hereinafter held at the court house of said county in the city of Decatur, Texas, on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1919, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered against the said land and lots sold in favor of the city of Decatur, Texas, to secure the payment thereof, interest, penalties, and all costs; all of which, together with other and further relief, general and special, being fully set out and prayed for in the plaintiff's original petition filed in aid court on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1919, and appearing on the docket thereof as suit No. 2, wherein the city of Decatur is plaintiff, and J. L. Norris, all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in said land or lots, defendants.

state of Texas, to-wit:

Lot No. 1 in block No. 8 of Carpenter's addition to the city of Decatur, Texas, which said property is delinquent to the city of Decatur, Texas, for taxes for the years 1919 to 1918, aggregating the sum of \$16.38, including the interest, penalties and costs, said taxes having been legally levied, assessed and rendered against said land or lots, and the same being a lawful charge and constituting a prior lien against the same in favor of the city of Decatur, Texas, to secure the payment thereof;

And you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the honorable district court of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, on the 4th day of November, A. D. 1919, the same being the 24th day of November, A. D. 1919, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered against you and the said land sold under foreclosure of said lien to satisfy said taxes, interest, penalties and costs, and all court costs; all of which, together with other and further relief, general and special, being fully set out and prayed for in the plaintiff's original petition filed in aid court on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1919, and appearing on the docket thereof as suit No. 1, wherein the city of Decatur is plaintiff, and T. L. Jones and M. Shaw, all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in said land or lots, defendants.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Decatur, on this 15th day of September, A. D. 1919.—W. V. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk District court, Wise county, Texas. By ELMER CLARK, Deputy. (Oct 10)

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the publication of the delinquent tax record of Wise county, Texas, will be let September 22, 1919, at a meeting of the commissioners' court on that day. The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids must be sealed and in the hands of the county judge by that day.

W. D. PASCHALL, County Judge Wise County.

Mrs. Dave Breedlove and Miss Kate Burton are visiting in Henrietta.

HIGH SCHOOL HAS GOOD OPENING LAST MONDAY

The Decatur public schools opened last Monday morning under very auspicious conditions. A large crowd of citizens attended the opening program at 9 o'clock. Rev. W. L. Tittle conducted the devotional exercises and made a splendid talk to the students. M. W. Burch made the opening address, and his remarks were greatly enjoyed by those present. County Agent E. T. Kemp talked to the students on the organization of canning and hog clubs, and his address was timely and will doubtless begin the organization of his work in the school. Special songs and readings were rendered by a number of lower grade students under the direction of Miss Frances Roberts.

The number of students enrolled is larger than ever before and the building is badly crowded; but the efficient corps of instructors are rapidly completing organization of the grades and high school. Though working under many difficulties, the school this year will doubtless set a high mark for splendid results, as Superintendent Dillehay has associated with him a faculty capable of maintaining and even outstripping the standard the school has set up in the past.

TO MEMBERS OF OLD SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION

The Wise county fair association, through Secretary Lillard, has very generously invited the Wise county old settlers' association to hold a reunion on the grounds on the opening day.

On your behalf, we have accepted the invitation and hope each and every one will attend on what promises to be a very pleasant and profitable occasion. No entrance fees will be charged those who are sixty years old and over and everything will be done for the comfort and pleasure of the veterans.

J. H. WALLACE, President, CLIFF CATES, Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH

Well, we had even 200 at Sunday school last Sunday, the offering being \$8.98. That wasn't so bad, was it?

Say, man, have you been attending the revival services at the Methodist church this week? If so, you can testify to the fact that Bro. Tittle is doing some of the most searching and stimulating preaching ever heard here. If you have not been coming, you should make your arrangements at once to do so, and you will not want to miss any of the messages to be delivered for the next few days.

The Big Blacksmith Baritone, Huddleston, has charge of the music, and you should hear him and his helpers sing! There is a special musical number every night.

The hours for the services have been changed to 10 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Of course, on Sunday morning, the morning service will be at eleven. Come and have part in this evangelistic campaign.

Yours for a better life, J. P. LUTON, Pastor.

GREENWOOD NEWS

David Hardie has been to Greenwood the last few days in the interest of the Dallas-Wichita Falls interurban right-of-way and prospects are very bright for the line to come thru this part of Wise county.

J. Z. Sharp, George Phipps and J. W. Cook have gone to Lynn county to look at the country. They are contemplating moving to the west.

Calvin W. Williamson, who has been serving with the 6th Marines in the second division, is now in Virginia and will be home soon.

Several Greenwood people visited the auction sale at the Angus ranch Saturday.

Brother Heathington has just received a telegram from his son, Ernest, who has been serving in the army, stating that he will be home soon.

John Sharp and children are visiting relatives in Fort Worth this week.

Coke Loyd is going to move to Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. Hildebrand and daughter, Ella, visited Jason Williamson on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ricker and Nathalie went to Decatur on business on Wednesday.

The Greenwood high school will begin on the 29th of this month.

Miss Katherine Maxwell, Miss Nutonia Moore and Miss Bertha Wheelock are going to attend school in Decatur this year.

Miss Pearl Elder is visiting in Pilot Point.

W. C. T. U. HAS INTERESTING MEETING FRIDAY, SEPT 12

An enjoyable program was rendered, after which the following officers were appointed:

Mrs. Stamps, superintendent of social meetings and red letter day.

Mrs. H. L. Jones, superintendent of Sabbath observance.

Mrs. T. J. Elder, superintendent of Sunday school.

Mrs. Charlie Workman, superintendent of pews.

Mrs. L. W. Tyler, local superintendent of purity in literature and art, Mrs. J. G. Gose being our state superintendent.

Dues were paid in by thirty-six members. There are forty-seven who haven't yet paid, so everybody please get busy and send in dues, as the treasurer wants to send all names together this month.

Each member is urged to be present at our next meeting, which will be on September 26.

PHOTOS AT

Bunnell's photo studio, Decatur, during the fair week only, a \$4.50 dozen photos at only \$3.00 dozen, groups and all. We copy and enlarge from old pictures, develop and print your kodak pictures, roll of 6 exposures 35 cents in stamps or coin with your order for prompt service.

WONDERFUL WISE HAS BEST COUNTY AGENT IN THE STATE

As the Messenger has said before, Wise county is fortunate in having E. T. Kemp as agricultural agent. In the first place, his long experience and knowledge of scientific farming has placed him in the front ranks of the agricultural experts of the state. He is able to carry out his work with a confidence and efficiency which inspires the farmer he is instructing, and the farmers of Wise county have learned to come to him for help during the year. He is always busy on his job, and he has done more to encourage the advancement along the lines of soil conservation and crop selection and improvement than any man ever employed in this county. The farmers have confidence in his ability and are following his instructions to their benefit and to the progress of the whole county. This improvement work, under Mr. Kemp's direction, has spread from community to community, and the good work is growing as never before, assuring a development in the future never dreamed of by our farmers. Besides his work among the farmers, Mr. Kemp has done wonderful work with the boys and girls in the different school districts in the organization of hog, corn and canning clubs. The clubs are enthusiastic and doing a great work and growing all the time. Mr. Kemp is very congenial in nature and is always glad to meet and talk to any farmer, boy or girl, about the work in hand. Wise county people in town and country should highly appreciate such a man, and all possible encouragement should be given him in the matter of bringing progress to the people of the county.

MUCH INTEREST IN REVIVAL AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

The revival, which began at the Methodist church last Friday night, has been growing in interest daily, and good-sized crowds have been in attendance. Rev. Tittle is doing the preaching, and his sermons have been helpful to all who have attended. He is a broad-minded man, and he is preaching the old-time religion in a very convincing and forceful manner. He is uncompromising in his condemnation of all manner of sin, yet he shows sympathy for the sinner and points to the way of salvation with a plainness which cannot be misunderstood. If you have not heard this good man, you are missing a treat. The music has been a very enjoyable part of the services under the leadership of Mr. Huddleston. This singer has a wonderful voice, and he sings with the spirit. He is being assisted by a large choir from the different denominations. The spiritual conditions of the Christians of the town has been greatly benefited by the services, and sinners are daily evidencing interest. Several conversions have resulted. Services are being held at 10 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

If you like pure home-made meal, you can get it fresh every day at Turner's Blacksmith Shop, East Main Street.

Mrs. S. W. Tilghman is in Washington, to meet her son, Dan, who is there on a leave of absence from the navy.

A joint reception of the four societies will be held in the college chapel tonight. The purpose of this affair is to produce good-feeling between the societies, and to serve as a means of enabling new students to become acquainted with one another.



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CITY COUNCIL HAS ROUSING MEETING

Sidewalks Will Be Constructed and Cost of Sewerage System Asked

At a meeting of the city council Friday afternoon a number of important orders were passed. One of them was ordering a committee of the council to investigate the cost of a sewerage system for the town. The fact the Deatur is discarding its village clothes it becomes necessary to meet the demands of a little city. Mayor Frank J. Ford made a short talk to the councilmen and in his remarks he stressed the point that the sanitary affairs of the town were far short of what they should be, and insisted that the council get busy in improving the conditions. Councilman Lynch, one of the most progressive members of the body, stated he was having the engineer make a grade of East Main street for the purpose of starting the work of constructing cement sidewalks on that thoroughfare. After the work on this street is finished North Trinity street will get the attention of the sidewalk builders. West Main, South Trinity and the other main streets of the town will be worked in order. The walks are to be four feet in width, and it is believed from estimates made and furnished the committee, the work will cost less than one dollar per running foot. No estimate of the cost of the sewerage system was made, but the committee was instructed to begin immediately in securing estimates and submit them at the next meeting of the council. An order was unanimously passed creating the office of traffic cop, and Officer Glas Sharp was given the appointment. The salary of Mr. Sharp was raised.

Those present at this meeting of the council were Mayor Ford, Aldermen Leach, Henshaw, Long, Man, Sellars, Gose; City Attorney Shults, City Secretary Thompson, City Marshal Evans and Inspector Sharp. A Messenger representative was the innocent spectator.

DUKE DOME IS GOOD WELL STATES COMPANY OFFICIAL

Capt. Tom Milligan, one of the officers of the Duke Dome Co., operating in the Ranger field, was in the city several days last week. He stated to a Messenger representative that the well recently brought in by his company is reported by the drillers as one of the best wells in that field. "We have every reason in the world to expect a good one," said Mr. Milligan, "and we will get one if the drillers are not badly fooled. The stock on the market has been falling, it is true, but it is possible that this is the result of some questionable speculating on the part of some dealers in stock." Mr. Milligan believes in the well, and his many friends in this community know him to be a man who will see that a square deal is given. If the investment proves unlucky Mr. Milligan will be one of the heaviest losers.

BIG CIRCUS COMING TO DENTON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Never before has such a splendid aggregation of circus people been gathered under one big organization as the hundreds this season who are members of the Sells-Floto super circus, the circus that comes from its far western home, Denver, which is making a tour of the state this season, and which is meeting with unbounded success. It will be seen in Denton, Saturday, Sept. 27. A glance at the circus roster shows such well known artists as Princess Victoria and Herberta Beeson, wonders of the wire, the Silverlakes, the Alfred Codona troupe, the Sweeneys and Newtons in trapeze acts, the Wright trio, the DeGarro troupe, and dozens of others. And for the children, there are dog and pony acts with monkey riders; clowns, etc. The festivities of the day begin at 11 o'clock in the morning when the stupendous street pageant starts from the circus grounds. Performances open with "The Birch of the Rainbow," bugles sounding the entrance of the pageant at 2 and 5 o'clock each afternoon and night.

The trustees of the Greenwood school have let a contract for drilling a well on college hill and the work has already begun.

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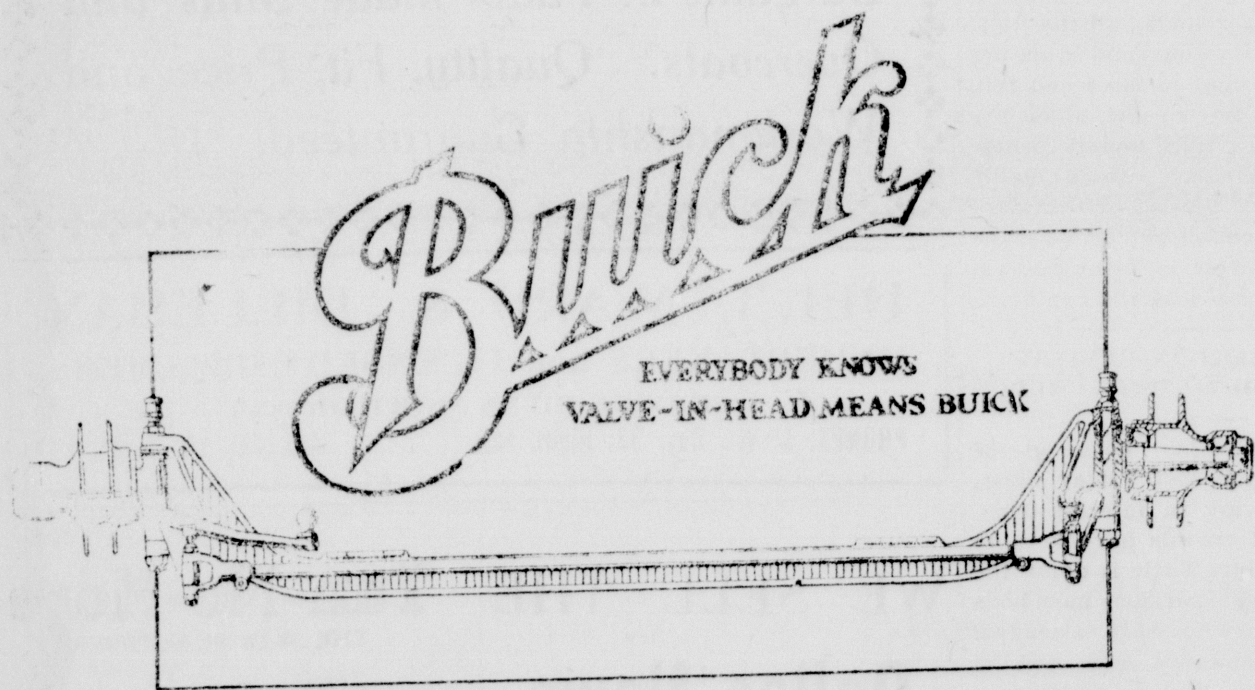
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